ment has not raised the Central Issue Prices of rice and wheat for the Public Distribution System (PDS) since 1st February, 1994 despite subsequent increases in Minimum Support Prices for rice and wheat. The position is being reviewed with the State Governments from time to time for increasing the offtake of foodgrains in the PDS. The monthly average offtake of rice during January to October, 1995 has increased to 7.38 lakh tonnes as compared to 6.53 lakh tonnes during January to December, 1994. The monthly average offtake of wheat during January to October, 1995 was nearly at the same level of 4.1 lakh tonnes as in 1994. The offtake of levy sugar and superior kerosene oil have increased in 1995 due to higher allocations.

भारतीय खाद्य निगम को दी गई राजसहायता

1339. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या **खाद्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय खाद्य निगम को सरकार द्वारा दी जाने वाली वार्षिक राजसहायता की राशि में निरंतर बढ़ोत्तरी हो रही है; और यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान दी गई राजसहायता की राशि संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उपरोक्त वर्षों में भारतीय खाद्य निगम से विक्रय किए जाने वाले गेहूं और चावल की मात्रा में प्रत्येक वर्ष में निरंतर कमी आई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान कितनी-कितनी मात्रा में गेहूं और चावल को खुले बाजार एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से बेचा गया था?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजित सिंह): (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान खाद्य सब्सिडी खाते पर भारतीय खाद्य निगम के लिए निम्नलिखित राशि रिलीज की गई थी:—

वर्ष	रुपए / करोड़
1992-93	2785
1993-94	5537
1994-95	4509

(ख) और (ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा खुले बाजार और सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से गेहूं और चावल की निम्नलिखित मात्रा बेची गई थी:—

(लाख मीटरी टन में)

	गेहूं	चावल
1992-93		
सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली / सम्पुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली	77.24	94.89
खुला बाजार	00.18	00.32
1993-94		
सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली / सम्पुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली	59.69	89.56
खुला बाजार	28.73	01.06
1994-95		
सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली / सम्पुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली	49.83	80.13
खुला बाजार	51.90	04.87

Proposal to Revive Financial Assistance Scheme for Consumer Cooperatives

1340. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to revive the financial assistance scheme for consumer cooperative to ensure distribution of essential commodities on a large scale in rural and semi-urban areas;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what has been the extent of central assistance given for the purpose to each State during each of the last three years and how it has been utilised; and

(d) how Government propose to expand the activities of consumer cooperatives and revamp the public distribution system in the country (State-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) to (d) The Centrally sponsored Plan Scheme for Development of Consumer Co-operatives was transferred to the State Governments for inclusion in their State Plans during the Eighth Plan period (with effect from 1st February 1992). An Expert Committee constituted by Government on Consumer Co-operatives in the country has recommended, among other things, revival of this Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The matter has been referred to the Planning Commission.

As there has been no Centrally Sponsored Scheme in operation, financial assistance to Consumer Co-operatives has been made under the Central Sector only to the Super Bazar and the National Consumer Cooperative Federation for the purposes as per details given in the enclosed statement (*see* below).

Operational responsibility for implementation of the Public Distribution System (PDS) rests with the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Central Government has advised them regarding preference to co-operatives, including Consumer Co-operatives, in allotment of Fair Price Shops.

Statement

Statement Showing the Financial Assistance released to Super Bazar and N.C.C.F. under the Central Sector Scheme

(Rs. in lakhs)

	SUPER BAZAR		N.C.C.F	
Year	Amount	Purpose	Amount	Purpose
1992-93	36.80	Opening of 10 new branches; Renovation of 20 branches; Installation of five Generator sets and purchase of two Delivery Vans.	207.00	Business development, meeting voluntary retirement expenditure and subsidy to meet the cost of consultancy services.
1993-94	20.00	Renovation of 26 branches; purchase of one delivery Van and installation of two Generator sets.	310.00	-do-
1994-95	20.00	Computerisation, Renovation and modification.	50.00	Business development and to meet the cost of consultancy Call.